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SUBJECT: DERESTRICTION OF GATT DOCUMENTS

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1. GATT SECRETARIAT HAS SENT US NOTE INDICATING THAT GATT SPEC DOCUMENTS HAVE NEVER BEEN DERESTRICTED AND THAT THERE ARE NO PROCEDURES FOR DOING SO. SECRETARIAT IS CONCERNED THAT ATTEMPTING TO DERESTRICT THESE DOCUMENTS WOULD SET UNHEALTHY PRECEDENT. PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS OF LETTER ARE AS FOLLOWS:

"DOCUMENT L/3389 - CONSOLIDATED DOCUMENT ON THE EXAMINATION OF PRACTICES OF CONTRACTING PARTIES IN RELATION TO BORDER TAX ADJUSTMENTS - IS THE ONLY DOCUMENT WHICH HAS BEEN DERESTRICTED, WITH THE EXCEPTION, HOWEVER, OF FOOTNOTE 1 ON PAGE 128 AND ANNEX D ON PAGES 215-217 (SEE DOCUMENT INF/144).

"NO DOCUMENTS IN THE (SPEC) SERIES OR COM.IND/- SERIES HAVE EVER BEEN DERESTRICTED. THE DISTRIBUTION OF MOST OF THESE DOCUMENTS HAS BEEN VERY LIMITED - NORMALLY RESTRICTED TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE PARTICULAR MEETING
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ONLY - FOR REASONS WHICH WERE VERY VALID AT THAT TIME. IT IS DIFFICULT TO SUGGEST ANY PROCEDURES FOR DERESTRICTING SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS BECAUSE OF THE PRECEDENT WHICH WOULD THEREBY BE CREATED AND THE CONSEQUENCES THIS MIGHT HAVE REGARDING OTHER DOCUMENTS."

2. COPIES OF DOCUMENTS REQUESTED REFTEL POUCHED TO

EB/OT/STA. FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS:

SPEC(69)94 IS A DRAFT NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT ON THE MEETINGS OF THE WORKING PARTY ON BORDER TAX ADJUSTMENTS OF 23-25 APRIL AND 30 JUNE-3 JULY 1969. THE FINAL TEXT HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED AS L/3272, WHICH HAS BEEN DERESTRICTED.

SPEC (68)57 AND ADD.1,2 CONTAIN REPORTS AND NOTES MADE BY THE SECRETARIAT OF OECD AND TRANSMITTED TO THE GATT "FOR THE INTERNAL USE OF THE WORKING PARTY OF GATT" ON BORDER TAX ADJUSTMENTS.

SPEC(69)49/ADD.1,2 CONTAIN SUBMISSIONS BY NORWAY AND FINLAND (ADD.1) AND THE UNITED KINGDOM (ADD.2) WHICH HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED IN THE CONSOLIDATED DOCUMENT L/3389. VANDEN HEUVEL

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